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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOSTS FIRST EVER STATEWIDE ARTS  
EDUCATION CONFERENCE – SPECIAL PIANO PERFORMANCE BY  
SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE**

(SCOTTSDALE) -- The Arizona Department of Education on Monday, October 9, 2006 will host its first-ever statewide arts education conference. The purpose of the conference is to introduce Arizona's newest arts standards adopted unanimously by the State Board of Education on June 26, 2006 and to launch a statewide survey of arts education programs in Arizona. The Department will also engage arts educators and administrators in a discussion about how to create better arts education experiences for Arizona's students.

Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne will speak at 10:45 a.m. on Monday at the conference about his support for the arts, including strategies for arts advocacy at the local, district and state levels. Horne will also give a special performance on the piano.

**What: First statewide arts education conference hosted by the  
Arizona Department of Education**

**When: Monday, October 9, 2006, 8:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Superintendent Tom Horne Special Performance at 10:45 a.m.**

**Where: Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale**

**Who: More than 200 arts educators, administrators and artists from across  
the state, from Vail to Kayenta, Tolleson to Higley**

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